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(*b*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—The investigation made by the police showed that on the night in question a party of British soldiers did assault the complainants. The Military authorities held an identification parade on the 19th November 1935 but as the complainants failed to identify the alleged assailants further action could not be taken.

Irrigation

Failure of freshes in the Cauvery channels of Namakkal taluk.

* 696 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on account of the rains in the Tanjore Delta, and consequent shutting up of water tightly in the Mettur Dam, failures of water in the Cauvery channels of Namakkal taluk have occurred;

(*b*) how many times such failures have occurred so far; and

(*c*) what the loss caused to the ryots is by such failures, and how long such failures lasted during each time?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Four times, once in each of the months of August, October, November and December 1935.

(*c*) The extent of loss due to short supply cannot be readily estimated. It was probably slight. The duration of shortage in supply was five days in August, four days in October, four days in November and about six days in December 1935.

Failure of freshes in the Cauvery channels in Namakkal taluk, Salem district.

* 697 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that water has failed in the Cauvery channels in Namakkal taluk of Salem district during October last on account of stoppage of water at Mettur owing to the fact of the area at Tanjore and Trichinopoly having sufficient supply on account of freshes in the tributaries (Noyyal and Amaravathi) which join the river Cauvery down below the point where the Korambu for Salem area exists;

(*b*) if so, how long water has failed in the channels;

(*c*) what will be the estimated loss of crops on account of such a failure;